

WISCONSIN SEC. 1115 FAMILY PLANNING DEMONSTRATION

FACT SHEET

Award Identification: #11-W-00144/5

Name of Demonstration: Family Planning Waiver

Date Proposal Submitted: September 1, 1999

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Date of Implementation: January 1, 2003

Date of Expiration: December 31, 2007

PROGRAM SUMMARY

This program extends Medicaid eligibility for family planning services to women 15-44 years of age whose income is at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), in order to reduce unintended pregnancies and thereby reduce the number of births and birth-related costs paid by Medicaid. The state estimates that this project will serve approximately 47,000 recipients.

OBJECTIVES OF THE DEMONSTRATION

The primary goal is to control specific Medicaid costs by decreasing unintended births to women who potentially may become Medicaid recipients.

Objectives include: Increasing use of family planning services among women of child-bearing age not currently Medicaid-eligible or participating in the managed care program BadgerCare; reducing the rate of unintended births among females, including teenagers, with incomes at or below 185% FPL; decreasing the number of women who become Medicaid-eligible because of pregnancy and have a subsequent birth within two years; supporting other family planning programs under Title V and Title X by more of these funds going to outreach and education, and to more affordable services for other recipients between 185% and 250% FPL; supporting the state's TANF goal of reducing the rate of teen pregnancy; and working with pregnancy prevention committees to implement the Brighter Futures program (a state plan to prevent adolescent pregnancy) and increase awareness of the need for family planning services and of the effects of unintended pregnancies.

ELIGIBILITY

Women are eligible who are between the ages of 15 and 44, have incomes at or below 185% FPL, and are not enrolled in Medicaid or BadgerCare (both of which provide family planning services). No assets test is required. There is no deeming of parental income or resources to minor females who live with their parents and request these services. The program provides for presumptive eligibility.

FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

Covered services include related office visits, limited laboratory services, sterilization, contraceptive devices, pharmaceutical supplies, treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, vitamins, and transportation. Abortion and AIDS treatments and services for pregnant women are not covered.

PRIMARY CARE REFERRAL SYSTEM

There are adequate referrals and access to comprehensive primary care health services utilizing an extensive safety net of health care providers. These are ensured by letters of collaborative support from the Primary Health Care Association and the Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association.

PROGRESS REPORT

The state reported in its 1st Quarter report (as of 3/31/03):

Number of enrollees: 12,833

Number of recipients (receiving services): 12,146 (unduplicated)

Number of participating providers: 1,236 Ratio of recipients to providers: 10 to 1

State expenditures (1/1-3/31/03): \$1,743,130

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